GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has been made a provisional member of the Washington Accord ;

(b) if so,the other member countries of the Washington Accord ;

(c) the time by when India is likely to be full member; and

(d) the benefit therefrom?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) : Yes, Sir. National Board of Accreditation (NBA) of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has been accorded provisional membership in the Washington Accord w.e.f. June 20, 2007.

(b) : Engineering Accreditation bodies of UK, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand Ireland, Hong Kong, Singapore, Lirea, Taiwan, south Africa, Japan are the full Members and Engineering Accreditation bodies of Russia, India, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Germany are Provisional Members.

(c) : India is likely to be full member earliest by June 2009.

(d) : The Accord recognizes substantial equivalence of programmes accredited by these organizations and recommends that the graduates of accredited programmes in any of the signatory countries be recognized by the other countries as having met the academic requirements for entry into the practice of engineering.